

A.E.F. NOW FATHER TO 2,468 IN XMAS ORPHAN CAMPAIGN

Monday, Last Day for
Adoptions, to Find Fam-
ily Over 3,000

188 MORE FOR S.O.S.; A.S. 50

Generous Units to Be Listed on
Honor Roll in Final Account-
ing and Sum-up

With only three more business days ahead, THE STARS AND STRIPES Christmas War Orphan Campaign neared the 2,500 mark this week, still going strong. Two hundred and thirty-six was the seven days' total.

The 500 orphans the A.E.F. started for ten weeks ago have been over-subscribed 300 per cent, and then some, and what with the 514 adopted during the summer and an indicated burst of speed for the close of the race, it is certain that the total of the family of fatherless children is going to be well over 3,000.

The S.O.S. was the banner contributor this week, supplementing its record of last week for 836 children with a request for 188 more.

Money for the adoption of more than 2,000 orphans has now passed through the S.O.S. Christmas Orphan Campaign headquarters, money enough, it may be added, to go a long way toward straightening the kinks in the lives of the children of the departments of France, recently rid of the invaders.

Next in size to the S.O.S. this week came the Air Service, which has been conducting an enthusiastic campaign for several weeks that has made it conspicuous in the list of purrains.

When the net results of the air Service campaign are gleamed, to the 750 will be added several more others taken during previous weeks and more still to come. But the net total cannot be made yet because the Air Service sent in many of its adoptions through the S.O.S. orphan campaign headquarters in the campaign which resulted in the S.O.S. being checked up with something more than 1,000 Christmas children to its credit.

Biggest Field Takes 60

The aero men apportioned out the number of adoptions expected of each air camp and squadron and then started a campaign which went off with the rush of a 98-cent silk stocking sale. One training center for instance, the one which describes itself as the biggest (and a lot of other superlatives) flying field in the world—was notified that it was expected to become the godfather, protector and provider of 60 orphans. It did.

Another was advised that, unless its personnel which flew, or complained because it didn't, assumed the same role and responsibility to 40 more it couldn't expect to amount to much in the ranks of amateur philanthropists. The result was 20,000 francs.

At this field one company—the 16th Co., 4th Motor Mechanic Regiment—adopted ten. We haven't been able yet to ascertain the strength of this company, but it looks like a new per capita record for the A.E.F. The 17th Co. of the same regiment took four children, and the 182nd Aero Squadron and the Aerial Gunners School took seven apiece. Several squadrons took three each.

Even the balloon men, to whom we used to throw compliments and thanks in the old, pre-Christmas campaign days dug up some more. The 15th Balloon Co. was heard from as follows:

"Although it is our custom to fly high, last week found our pocketbooks on the ground and badly in need of topping off, but they could scarcely rise to any occasion. Since then, however, the Q.M. inflated them so far beyond their capacity that we had to valve off 1,500 francs into a nurse balloon to keep from blowing up."

"We found that a balloon of this capacity contains sufficient wherewithal to keep three pocketbooks of the French orphan type inflated for one year, so we are sending the nurse bag herewith."

The patients of Base Hospital No. 7 made one of the most notable adoptions of the week—or of the whole campaign, as far as that goes.

Sons Grow to France

"The campaign started in this hospital," wrote the contributors, "in a ward of 50 patients. One of the patients started collecting pennies as a joke. When he had canvassed the ward he had 40 francs. Then the question arose as to what was to be done with the money."

"The head nurse suggested that we start a 'Buy a Baby' campaign in this ward, and the following day the chief nurse, having heard of the idea, said that if we could collect 1,000 francs she would donate the same amount. A ward canvass was begun immediately. Instead of collecting the more 1,000 francs, we went over the top the second day of the campaign with 1,225 francs.

"The entire amount was collected exclusively from patients, the majority of whom receive but 15 francs per month. The chief nurse donated 1,175 francs to make it five orphans."

The patients of Base Hospital No. 7 want two blondes, two brunettes and a colored baby, and we're going to make good on the colored orphan order if we have to go to South Africa, abduct a child, bring it up here and get it naturalized.

The Motor Truck and Supply Train organizations are hitting on 10 or 11 cylinders. Senior Chaplain Albert L. Evans, G.I.S.D., at A.P.O. 713 sent out 150 circular letters to 150 different organizations. Reports are that 20 organizations raised the necessary contributions for orphans and that 100 of them will.

To Close Monday Noon

As announced two weeks ago, the Christmas orphan campaign will close at noon next Monday, and all the money received thereafter will be held and applied to second year adoptions. The contributions will go to making provision for members of the A.E.F.'s family whose plight will not be immediately ameliorated by the coming of peace and who would be as badly off as ever, or worse, if their present monthly allowance stopped suddenly a few months hence.

Some exceptions may be made to this rule in extraordinary cases—in instances, for example, where organizations are now conducting campaign of their own which cannot be concluded in time to get the proceeds to this office by

TO THE THIRD ARMY

"As the instruments of a strong, free Government—whose purposes toward the people of Germany are beneficent," the Third American Army is taking up its occupation of German soil, according to the terms of C.O. 218, which sets forth the line of conduct for that Army. The text of the order reads:

"In view of the extraordinary conditions under which that part of the American Expeditionary Forces which constitutes the Army of Occupation of German territory is serving, the Commander-in-Chief desires to acquaint the officers and men composing it with the expectations which he entertains as to their conduct."

"You have come not as despoilers or oppressors, but simply as the instruments of a strong, free Government whose purposes toward the people of Germany are beneficent."

"During our occupation the civil population is under the special safeguard of the faith and honor of the American Army."

"It is, therefore, the intention of this order to appeal directly to your pride in your position as representatives of a powerful, but righteous nation, with the firm conviction that you will so conduct yourself in your relations with the inhabitants of Germany as will cause them to respect you and the country you have the honor to represent."

"While you appear among them as a conquering army, you will exhibit no ill will toward the inhabitants."

"On the other hand, you are warned against conduct unbecoming your position as instruments of military rule."

"So long as a state of war continues, Germany remains enemy territory, and there must be no intimate personal association with its inhabitants. A dignified and respectful attitude will be maintained on your part at all times."

"It is not allowed that any acts of pillage or violence will be committed by members of the American Forces, but, should any persons prove themselves unworthy of this confidence, their acts will be considered not only as crimes against the sufferers, but as dishonoring the American Army and as a direct insult to the flag of the United States."

"Such transgressions, should they occur, will be punished with the severest penalties known to our military law."

"By command of General Pershing:

"JAMES W. McANDREW,
"Chief of Staff."

SERVICES PLAN TO AID RETURNED MEN IN SECURING JOBS

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consequently have to take up new lines of work. Through this board, every disabled man in the A.E.F. is guaranteed the benefits of any or all of the following services that he may require: Advice and assistance in selecting a suitable occupation; help in returning to his old occupation if such a course seems advisable; training for a new occupation or for greater proficiency in his old one; permanent employment in a desirable position; follow-up work to protect him from mistakes and give him encouragement.

The board is anxious to get in touch with every disabled man so as to be of all possible help in restoring him to strength and capability for useful service.

To Get Pay While Training

It has provided for courses of instruction designed to fit them for new careers, and with the backing of the Government is ready to use all the existing educational facilities of the United States, including the offices, farms and workshops, as well as the schools, in that category. Furthermore, while a man is taking one of those vocational courses he will be paid at least \$65 a month, or more, in proportion to his rank, with additional allowances if he has dependents.

The board, which has the entire backing of the Government at Washington, of the United States, in close touch with employers of all sorts of labor. A letter addressed to its overseas agency, care of the American Red Cross, Room 323, Hotel Regina, Paris, will call forth full information describing the work of the various courses and the general nature of the plan.

next Monday. But such exceptions will be few.

When the final adoptions are in, and the names in the A.E.F.'s family have all been carefully recounted, checked and tabulated, there will be an accounting of some kind—a statement of the exact amount of money received and so forth. Incidentally, there will be named some of the units which especially distinguished themselves for their generosity in the old — — — days before the censor got kind hearted and let us use names and numbers.

Adopted by Christmas

The allotment of children to meet the unexpected rush is proceeding at the Red Cross orphan committee's headquarters at an increased pace. Most of the adoptions will be made by Christmas, and the rest so soon afterward that the recipients of the A.E.F.'s France will merely think that Santa Claus missed one train and come along on the next.

As to the recently redeemed districts of France where the need is great, and to which the S.O.S. contributions for approximately 1,000 orphans will be devoted, arrangements are proceeding satisfactorily. As stated before, the work will have to be done in conjunction with the French civil authorities. It is expected that the allotting of children in these districts will begin in three or four weeks.

TAKEN THIS WEEK	
S.O.S.	836
42nd Aero Squadron	10
Motor Truck Supply Co. No. 541 and Supply Train No. 1124	10
Battery B, 20th P.A.	10
Battery B, 14th Telegraph Bn.	10
250-47th Aero Squadron	10
Co. B, 20th P.A.	10
"The Centurion's Band," 25th Inf.	10
Attny, 42d Art., C.A.C.	10
Officers, Co. 1, 11th Regt., U.S.M.C.	10
125th Aero Squadron	10
17th Aero Squadron	10
13th Co., 4th M.M.	10
123rd Aero Squadron	10
Aerial Gunners School, St. Jean de Monts	10
1st Div., 4th M.M.	10
Lieut.-Col. Leslie MacDill, A.S.	10
1st Div., 4th M.M.	10
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ROCHEFORT SOARS TO FIRST HONORS IN RACE OF BASES

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now waging that they will celebrate President Wilson's coming by cinching the pennant in the sixth week, which seems to be as practical a way of celebrating as could be devised.

St. Nazaire's present position on the race map has not dulled the enthusiasm one iota, but the whole port is mourning the departure of Colonel Goodwyn, the Stevedore's chief, who was one of the most ardent boosters of the port in the big struggle now on.

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100,000 YANKS AT TIME AWAIT BOATS AT 600 ACRE CAMP

Brest Embarkation Center
to Ship Home 10,000
Men a Day

700 BUILDINGS GROUDED

Baths and Real Paper Dollars Have
Part in Soldiers Farewell
to France

The world's largest rest camp—the jumping-off place in France where 100,000 American soldiers at a time may await embarkation for the United States—will be in full operation next month. It is at Brest, and it has the modest but official title of Pontoniere barracks. It covers 600 acres.

A permanent garrison of 7,000 troops is now occupying the Brest camp, and Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler is in command.

The camp's 17 mess halls will feed 5,000 soldiers in 40 minutes. There is a modern American hospital in the camp with beds for 2,000 patients. The plumbing and water works equal those of a big city, with 54 miles of sewer line and 123 miles of pipe line for the water supply. There are 20 miles of gravel sidewalk and 20 miles of highway in the camp.

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